

**Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Designation/Acres within Project Area:**

- Semi Primitive Motorized           4,102.98 acres
  - Semi Primitive Non Motorized   5,283.20 acres
  - Roaded Modified                   160.83 acres
- 9,547.01 acres in the project area

**MA & REC Direction:**

With inclusion of design criteria to retain existing dispersed campsites, trailheads, trail corridors, and coordinate travel access, should haul routes affect identified winter snowmobile routes through the project area, the activities proposed by the Green Horse project should meet identified goals and objectives for recreation resources for the following management areas included in the project boundary:

- Forest Plan general Rec Standards:
  1. Develop Outfitter/SUP operating plans-
  2. Provide for appropriate access based on evaluation of user needs and a transportation analysis
  3. Manage a full array of rec opportunities aligned w/ ROS
  4. Create additional opportunities for winter rec where user needs indicate
  5. Encourage users to assist in maintenance & development of rec sites
  6. Mitigate the physical impacts of increased dispersed rec use. Rehab efforts based on damage to soil/water/veg.
  7. Maintain seasonal access to Wilderness portals at specified locations
  8. Encourage private sector to help provided needed rec sites/services/facilities
  9. Review Forest Travel Plan annually...
  10. Promote a "Pack it in, Pack it out policy"
  11. Evaluate NP trail for nomination to NHT system
  12. Manage Papoose Cave as specified in appendix L
  13. Continue to develop, support and improve private & public rec and tourism programs
- 01 Public Safety Rec Standard:
  1. Survey locations and areas that are receiving impacts, and inventory areas that will be disturbed due to recreational activities or natural erosion on Forest Service projects.
  2. Recommend sites, or portions of sites, for mineral withdrawal where necessary to protect improvements. ..
- 10 Water   Rec Standard: Limit and distribute use as necessary to protect riparian area
- 12 Timber:   Rec Standard: Manage for roaded natural recreation
- 16 Elk:       Rec standard: None listed
- 17 Timber/Visuals   Rec Standard: Manage for roaded natural recreation
- 20 Old Growth   Rec Standard: None listed
- 21 Moose   Rec Standard: None listed

## **SPECIAL MA Designations: (NRA/ROADLESS/WILDERNESS ETC)**

**ROADLESS:** The project area encompasses portions of both the O'Hara-Falls Cr and West Meadow Creek Roadless areas that equal 1,166 acres of designated roadless area, all of which fall into the Backcountry/Restoration theme. As of Oct 2019, proposed treatments in Units 1, 2, 4, of the Green horse project intersect with approximately 365 roadless acres in the O'Hara -Falls Cr roadless area. And approximately 90 acres of unit 13 intersect with the West Meadow Cr. Roadless area. Management activities within Roadless would include fuels treatment (Burning) and a smaller portion of regeneration harvest.

**RNA:** The project area does not include any lands with RNA designation. (The O'Hara RNA is located to the west of the project area)

**WILDERNESS/Wild and SCENIC RIVER:** The project area does not include any portions of lands with Wilderness, Wild and Scenic River, or other special designation.

## **CONSTRUCTED FACILITIES w/in Project Area:**

- Trails:
  - 718 Horse Cr Connector (1.1 miles in INFRA, within Project area, 2.79 miles not in INFRA but showing in the project area) RYA- Non motorized- Intersects w/ units 4,5,6,7.
  - 720 Stillman Crosscut (.66 miles within project area, but not listed in INFRA and not included on DRAMVU Map- it was decommissioned FEIS Analysis Appendix B). Intersects w/ proposed unit 7.. No need to include in REC-1 Design Criteria
  - 732 Backbone Ridge (3.77 miles within project area- Historic trail-see Cindy's notes- not listed in INFRA and not included on DRAMVU Map) Intersects w/ proposed unit 13. Addressed w/ CR-3
  - 733 Horse Cr (4.59 miles in INFRA, within Project area) DRAMVU: OSM4 Motorcycle only, Trailhead may intersect w/ unit 10.
  - 835 Boundary Tr (.11 miles in project area) DRAMVU: OSS Open Seasonally Small <50" Intersects with unit 13
  - Include standard design criteria REC-1 (from existing Draft Pick list) to protect trail corridors and trail heads that coincide w/ project units to ensure they are not obliterated during project implementation. There is some standard contract language that requires protection/repair of existing structures, should they be damaged during operations..
  - Include standard design criteria AM-1: Close existing gates....
  - \*Note there are a number of roads and the current Forest map shows trails that are not included in DRAMVU that are currently being used in the vicinity of Trail 718 and off Road 9716. If the intent is to close these to motorized use when DRAMVU is signed (Since they are not identified on the DRAMVU map).. there may need to be some decommissioning or barricading done to keep motorized use off these areas. The Forest Plan general standard 2 says: Provide for appropriate access based on an evaluation of user needs and a transportation analysis.
- SNO trails (Coinciding w/ existing Roads):
  - 443 American River (1.74 miles within Project area) DRAMVU shows OSA-1
  - 464 Boundary Ridge (2.08 miles within Project area) DRAMVU shows OYA
  - Include standard snowmobile trail design criteria (AM-2) as both SnoTrails would likely be used as haul routes.
- Campgrounds: There are no developed fee campgrounds in the project area.
  - Limber Luke is the only formally developed, dispersed site in the vicinity, but it sits outside the project area along access Rd 443. (Consider Stewardship or retained Receipts for toilet and TH Upgrades?)

- Dispersed Campsites

- GIS layers indicated 5 dispersed sites mapped within the project area and a field visit identified 2 additional sites. These are generally undeveloped or developed by users, with the exception of hitch rails located at the Junction of Rds 356/9716. The other large dispersed site that was not on mapping layers was located south of the 356/464 intersection. (Photos taken on site)



- Treatment Units 2, 10, and 13 have the potential to encompass or affect 6 of the 7 dispersed sites located in the project area. Consider including design criteria to ensure sites are either avoided or cleared and useable after implementation?) There is not criteria in the Draft Pick list to address this and we haven't really considered this in past projects. But as we do more roadside treatments, this could become more of a concern. Not all dispersed sites are desirable, but larger, well used sites like the one pictured above, are worth maintaining, or considering efforts to reduce the size of the site, using slash to limit site expansion. Is this a direction we want to consider addressing? See proposed wording in Design Criteria section below.
  - The Forest plan general standard 6 says: "Mitigate the physical impacts of increased dispersed recreation use." ....

#### HUNT UNITS and O/G Operations:

- The project area includes portions of IDF&G hunt units 16 and 16A.
- The project boundary coincides with outfitter operations conducted by [Selway Ridgerunner Outfitters](#), [License Number: 18553](#) (IOGLB website).

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#### Operating Area 1, Area Description

Beginning at the Swiftwater Bridge on the Selway River (Sec. 16, T32N, R7E, BM); then southwesterly on Rd 470 to its junction with Road 1119; then southerly on Road 1119 to its junction with Road 464 and IDFG Mgmt Unit 15/16 boundary; then southeasterly on Road 464 to its junction with Road 471; then continuing northeast on Road 464 and said IDFG boundary to their junction with Road 443; then southeasterly on the American River/Meadow Creek watershed divide to Anderson Butte (SE1/4, Sec. 33, T30N, R9E, BM); then turning northeast on the IDFG Mgmt Unit boundary/Trail 608 to Meadow Creek; then north down Meadow Creek to the Selway River; then northwesterly on the Selway River to the point of beginning. (Nez Perce National Forest Map #4, 1981)[F&G Units 16 & 16A]

## DESIGN CRITERIA TO INCLUDE:

### From existing Aug 2017 DRAFT Picklist:

**AM-1** Close existing gates (consistent with current motor vehicle restrictions) daily, during non-operating hours.

**AM-2** Consider alternative snowmobile routes and /or access and parking when winter log haul occurs on roads normally used as groomed snowmobile routes. Coordinate with the contractors and local organization(s) responsible for trail grooming to minimize impacts on forest visitors. Project mitigation measure will identify specific routes, access and parking areas. **(Sno Trails 443 & 464)**

**REC-1** Protect system trails (718, 733, 835) by requiring the following measures within 6 feet of centerline of the trail(s), directional felling, cutting stumps to 8" or less, no slash piles and no slashing of the small diameter trees.

\* **PROPOSE TIGHTENING UP THE WORDING FOR REC 1, to make it more clear** (suggested change):

Protect system trails (718, 733, 835) by requiring the following measures within 6 feet of trail centerlines: Directionally fall trees away from the trail corridor, cut stumps 8" or lower, do not slash small diameter trees or pile slash within the trail corridor. Minimize equipment crossing points, and if obscured during operations, ensure trail tread is re-established to managed TMO (Trail Management Objectives) specifications prior to departure.

### **Proposed new criteria for this project (not on existing pick list)- may be useful for other roadside projects too:**

**REC-2** Unless otherwise directed, retain existing access to identified dispersed campsites, leaving healthy vegetation (shrubs and trees) undisturbed, while removing hazard trees, per prescription direction.

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